

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-24. (Canceled)

25. (NEW) A mask for covering a portion of a vehicle body during painting, the mask comprising:

a substrate layer formed of a thin sheet of flexible material; and

a mask layer formed of a thin flexible semi-transparent plastic film having a thickness of 1 - 6 mills, a reverse side which is coated with a layer of adhesive which is securely bonded to the mask layer and is capable of being releasably bonding the mask layer to a painted area of a vehicle body to be masked, and an exterior side which forms a textured surface to which paint can adhere;

wherein the masked layer is cut into the shape of a mask section having a profile sized to correspond to a portion of the vehicle body to be masked.

26. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein the mask layer has a thickness of 1 to 5 mills.

27. (NEW) A mask layer of claim 26 wherein the mask layer has a thickness of at least 2 mills.

28. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein the mask layer has a thickness of at least 2 mills.

29. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein the mask layer is formed of a material selected from a group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene and a blend thereof.

30. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein the masked layer comprises polypropylene.

31. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein the masked layer comprises polyethylene.

32. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein the adhesive layer is formed of an adhesive material which will not transfer to a paint surface of a vehicle.

33. (NEW) The mask of claim 32 wherein the adhesive layer is formed of material selected from a group consisting of acrylic and rubber base adhesives.

34. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein a mask comprises an elongate member which is wound into a roll.

35. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein the substrate is formed of a material selected from a group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene and cellulose-based materials.

36. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein a plurality of mask sections are cut into a plurality of shapes corresponding to the portions of the vehicle body to be masked wherein the plurality of mask sections do not cover the entire mask layer and associated substrate layer.

37. (NEW) The mask of claim 25 wherein the mask layer is cut into a plurality of mask sections while supported on an uncut substrate layer thereby facilitating storage and handling of the mask sections until used.

38. (NEW) A method of painting a two-tone vehicle body using a wet on wet process, the method comprising:

painting at least a portion of the vehicle body a first color paint;

covering the portions of the vehicle body which are to remain the first color paint with a mask formed of a thin flexible semi-transparent plastic film having a thickness of 1 to 6 mills, a reverse side which is coated with a layer

of adhesives securely bonded to the mask layer and removably attachable to the painted area of the vehicle body to be masked, and having an exterior side which forms a textured surface to which paint may adhere;

applying a second color paint to the unmasked portion of the vehicle body with the second color paint overlapping a portion of the unmasked first color paint with a portion of the second color paint overspraying onto and adhering to the textured exterior surface of the mask layer; and

removing the mask layer and any second color paint oversprayed adhered thereto providing a two-tone paint scheme with a relatively thin break line between adjoining paint colors and without transferring adhesive from the masked layer to the first color paint surface.

39. (NEW) A plurality of mask sections for masking a vehicle body during a two-tone painting process, the plurality of mask sections comprising:

a wide elongate mask layer strip formed of a thin flexible film having a thickness of 2 to 6 mills, the mask layer having a reverse side which is coated with a layer of adhesive securely bonded thereto which is capable of being releasably affixed to a painted area of a vehicle to be masked without leaving an adhesive residue, and an exterior side which forms a textured surface to which paint overspray may adhere;

wherein the mask layer is provided with a series of perforated cuts extending generally across the width of the layer at spaced intervals corresponding in length to the sections of the vehicle body to be masked, the mask layer being wound onto itself in a roll for convenient shipping and handling, with the mask layer sections unwound and torn off on the perforated cut as needed.

40. (NEW) The plurality of mask sections of claim 39 wherein the elongate mask layer when formed in a roll has a width of 1 to 5 feet.